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COOPER'S PROPOSED TRIP TO OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS

REFS: A. MANILA 12731; B. STATE 190196

1. IN RESPONSE TO ELEVATION OF ASEAN REPRESENTATION TO US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND PARTICIPATION OF ECONOMIC MINISTERS AS REPORTED REF. A UNDER SECRETARY COOPER WILL NOW LEAD US DELEGATION. UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER SECRETARY IS UNABLE TO ARRIVE IN MANILA PRIOR TO EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 7, AS REPORTED IN REF. B, AND AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH GOI MINISTER WIDJOJO. THEREFORE WE HOPE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD US-ASEAN ECONOMIC TALKS SEPTEMBER 8TH THROUGH THE 9TH, AND IF NECESSARY SEPTEMBER 10. THIS WOULD PERMIT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER TO BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE TALKS.

2. SHOULD THIS BE ACCEPTABLE TO ASEAN UNDER SECRETARY COOPER WOULD REGRETFULLY HAVE TO CANCEL HIS PROPOSED VISITS TO OTHER ASEAN CAPITALS. THE UNDERSECRETARY DEEPLY REGRETS ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS CHANGE OF PLANS MAY HAVE

CAUSED AND WISHES THAT HIS REGRETS BE CONVEYED TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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FOR JAKARTA: PLEASE CONVEY THESE REGRETS TO MINISTER WIDJOJO, SINCE MR. COOPER TALKED TO HIM PERSONALLY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF VISITING JAKARTA.

3. UNDERSECRETARY PLANS TO REMAIN IN MANILA UNTIL SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND THEN PROCEED TO TOKYO. SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR SUNDAY HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SOME INTERESTING ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, POSSIBLY INCLUDING AN AID PROJECT.

4. IN LIGHT OF UPGRADING OF US-ASEAN TALKS AND DESIGNATION OF UNDER SECRETARY COOPER TO HEAD U.S. DELEGATION, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE WILL FOREGO MANILA TALKS. HE WILL RESCHEDULE VISITS TO ASEAN CAPITALS LATER SO AS TO ALLOW MORE TIME IN EACH.

FOR MANILA: PLEASE INFORM PRESIDENT MARCOS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A TRIP TO MANILA IN LATER SEPTEMBER FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM. WE WILL CONSULT GOP SHORTLY CONCERNING MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATES. VANCE

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